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Hailey Administrative Site, Office
(U.S. Forest Service Administrative Site, Building No. 1610)
Sawtooth National Forest
309 South Main
Hailey
Blaine County
Idaho

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PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A. Physical History

1. **Date(s) of erection:** Constructed in calendar year 1933
2. **Architects:** H. W. Coughlin and George L. Nichols
3. **Original and subsequent owners:** USDA Forest Service, 1933-1992; Mike and Joan O'Neil, 1992-present.
4. **Builder, contractor, suppliers:** Sources of funding for the original construction (Anonymous n.d.a and n.d.b) were as follows:

Costs:	F.Y. 1933	F.Y. 1934	F.Y. 1935
FS Funds	-	\$4,173.52	\$4.45

5. **Original plans and construction:** R4-54, modified. As originally constructed, the rear entrance was straight back instead of to the side. Rather than being a continuation of the roof of the main part of the building (as in the plans), the roof of the rear vestibule was gabled, with the ridge perpendicular to the ridge of the main part of the building. In addition, the office was provided with a full basement rather than the partial basement called for in the standard plans. The coal chute was positioned on the opposite side of the rear vestibule as compared to the plan. Apparently the original lavatory plan was not followed: "A door was cut from lavatory to the back entrance in order to provide entrance from the back of the building without it being necessary to pass thru the other office rooms to bet [sic] to the basement or the back entrance."

6. **Alterations and additions:** The original arrangement of bathroom(s) is not known, but apparently did not follow the standard plan precisely. The present bathroom may not be original; the assymetry of the rear vestibule roof line suggests that the bathroom was added. Acoustical tile has been put on the ceilings on the main floor. Wood paneling has been put on some of the walls. The locations of doorways from the original clerk's office to the offices on either side have been changed, and obscure glass windows are no longer visible in those walls (although they may remain hidden inside). Closets between office areas on the north end of the building are no longer present (or were not built in the first place). According to an old sketch (19417), the northwest 1/4 of the basement was a coal and furnace room. The remainder of the basement was open, with files cabinets and tables distributed throughout. The north half of the coal and

furnace room now is a storeroom, and office walls have been constructed in the southern 1/3 of the basement.

B. Historical Context: This building functioned as the original Supervisor's Office of the Sawtooth National Forest from 1934 until it was combined with the Minidoka National Forest in 1953. It was the Hailey Ranger District Office from 1953 until the Hailey District was eliminated in 1972. Most recently, Forest Construction and Maintenance personnel have used the office.

PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

A. General Statement

1. **Architectural character:** Typical of Depression-Era Forest Service architecture in the Inter-mountain Region.
2. **Condition of fabric:** Structurally sound. Needs paint.

B. Description of Exterior

1. **Overall dimensions:** 44' x 24', excluding front porch and rear vestibule.
2. **Foundations:** Concrete, with a full basement.
3. **Walls:** Novelty siding painted white with Nile green trim.
4. **Structural System, framing:** 2" x 4" wood stud braced frame.
5. **Porches, stoops, balconies, bulkheads:** There is an open porch on the front (east) of the building, with four plain 8" x 8" wood columns supporting a gabled roof extension over the porch. The porch and columns are white. The rear (west) entrance to the building is via a vestibule, which also has a gabled roof. Enclosed in the vestibule are stairs to the basement, and (at present) a bathroom.
6. **Chimneys:** One brick chimney with a cap and a tile flue liner. Chimney is located on the south half of the west slope of the roof.
7. **Openings**
 - a. **Doorways and doors:** The front door is a 15-pane French door with matching 5-pane side light panels on either side. The rear door has a single pane covering the upper 2/5's. The lower 3/5's are divided into 3 equal solid panels. Both doors (including the side lights) are finished clear.

b. **Windows and shutters:** The east (front) wall has four double-hung 12-pane sash windows. The south wall has three double-hung 12-pane sash windows. The west wall has three double-hung 12-pane sash windows and one fixed 4-pane window. The north wall has two double-hung 12-pane sash windows. There is a fixed 4-pane window with translucent snowflake-patterned glass in the north wall of the bathroom. The frames for all the windows are painted in Nile green, the trim pieces are white. Shutters are shown on the standard building plans for all double-hung sash windows except the two within the porch area on the east wall, and 1930's photos confirm that the plans were followed at least on the north, south, and east walls (no early photo of the west wall has been found). These shutters were of a standard Forest Service design with the lower half in louvers and the upper half solid with the silhouette of a conifer cut out of the panel. They were painted Nile green. Shutters are no longer present on this structure. The basement has five fixed 6-pane windows. One in the east wall, two in the south wall, and two in the north wall. Frames and trim are Nile green.

8. Roof

a. **Shape, covering:** The roof is gabled, utilizing 2" x 4" rafters, 1" x 6" sheathing and manufactured shake shingles. The ridge line runs in a north/south direction but secondary gables protrude off the east and west slopes to cover the front and rear entrances. The shingles originally were painted C.P.C. green. They are green today.

b. **Cornice, eaves:** Cornices are open, with dripping eaves.

c. **Vents:** There are three small louvered vents in the gable ends above the north and south walls. There is one large louvered vent in the gable above the east wall. All vents are painted white.

C. Description of Interior

1. Floor plans:

a. **Basement:** The basement has two offices at the south end, a meeting room in the northern 2/3 of the east half, and a storeroom in the northwest corner. There is a bathroom at the landing midway up the basement stairs.

b. **First floor:** The main floor has five offices and three closets. This differs somewhat from the standard plan, but whether this was so at the outset or is the result of remodeling, or both is not known.

c. Second floor: No second floor.

2. Stairways: A concrete dogleg staircase accesses the bathroom and the basement from the rear door entrance.

3. Flooring: The basement floor is concrete, which originally was covered with dark green battleship linoleum. At present, linoleum remains only in the area between the furnace and the storeroom. The floor of the present storeroom (former coal room) is unpainted concrete. The other basement rooms and the stairs leading up to the main floor are covered by gold carpeting. The main floor is hardwood, which was originally covered in dark green battleship linoleum. At present, the front three offices are carpeted in green; the rear offices and rear foyer are carpeted in red. The present bathroom floor has green linoleum.

4. Wall and ceiling finish: Originally the walls and ceiling were finished with wallboard covered with stippled plastic paint. The tone for walls was sienna, and for the ceiling ivory. This scheme was maintained for both the basement and main floor. The present ceiling on the main floor is acoustical tile, while the basement appears to have the original wallboard ceiling, with beaded wooden strips over the wallboard joints, and all painted white. The walls on the main floor now are either painted white or covered with wood paneling. This is true also of the offices and meeting room in the basement. The basement storeroom is unfinished and unpainted. The original decor of the bathroom(s) was stippled plastic paint in an eggshell tone, with a tile effect partway up the walls. The present bathroom is painted white.

5. Openings

a. Doorways and doors: Interior doors were solid and finished in a light oak varnish. Doors to the basement offices are plain, hollow-core.

b. Windows: Originally obscure glass etched with forest scenes divided the three front offices. These are no longer visible, although they may be present behind the paneling. A small, 6-pane window between the northwest office and the stairway now has been paneled over on the office side.

6. Decorative features and trim: A 3" wide white molding covered the ceiling/wall unions. A 4" wide plain trim in light oak varnish is used for the interior door frames, closet frames and baseboards.

7. Hardware: Brass door knobs, backing plates, hinges, window latches and side bolts for windows. White porcelain knobs with brass backing plates are used for the closets.

8. Mechanical equipment

a. Heating, air conditioning, ventilation: The dwelling was originally heated by a pipe-less furnace. It was modernized to automatic heating in 1951. Heat is now supplied by an oil stove.

b. Lighting: The structure was originally wired for power and lights. Electricity was supplied by the West Coast Power Company of Hailey. At present there is fluorescent lighting in all main-floor rooms, as well as in the offices and meeting room in the basement.

c. Plumbing: The structure was originally plumbed to provide water and sewage functions for the bathroom(s). A cesspool was constructed 15 feet to the west of the building. Water was provided by a city water main.

D. Site

1. General setting and orientation: The site faces east onto Main Street (State Highway 75) in Hailey, Idaho.

2. Historic landscape design: See "Historical Sketch of the Sawtooth National Forest and of the Hailey Administrative Site," above.

3. Outbuildings: There are four other structures on this property. Each is documented on a separate form.

PART III. SOURCES OF INFORMATION

A. Original Architectural Drawings: None.

B. Early Views: One photo of the building under construction and several views taken shortly after completion are in Anonymous n.d.a.

C. Interviews: None.

D. Bibliography

1. Primary and unpublished sources:

Anonymous
1935

Building Construction Manual, revised edition. Ogden, Utah: USDA Forest Service, Region Four.

- n.d.a 'Administrative Site Improvement Plans.' [Large binder containing site plans, building descriptions, and photographs from the mid-1930's].
- n.d.b 'Administrative Site Improvement Plans.' [Same as Anonymous n.d.a, but without photographs and with updated Hailey building descriptions to 1939].

2. Secondary and published sources: None

E. Likely Sources Not Yet Investigated: Local newspapers, National Archives.

F. Supplemental Material: Attached hereto: Photos taken by Eva Jensen, June 15 and 17, 1989. Drawings made by Richard T. Malouf, September, 1992.

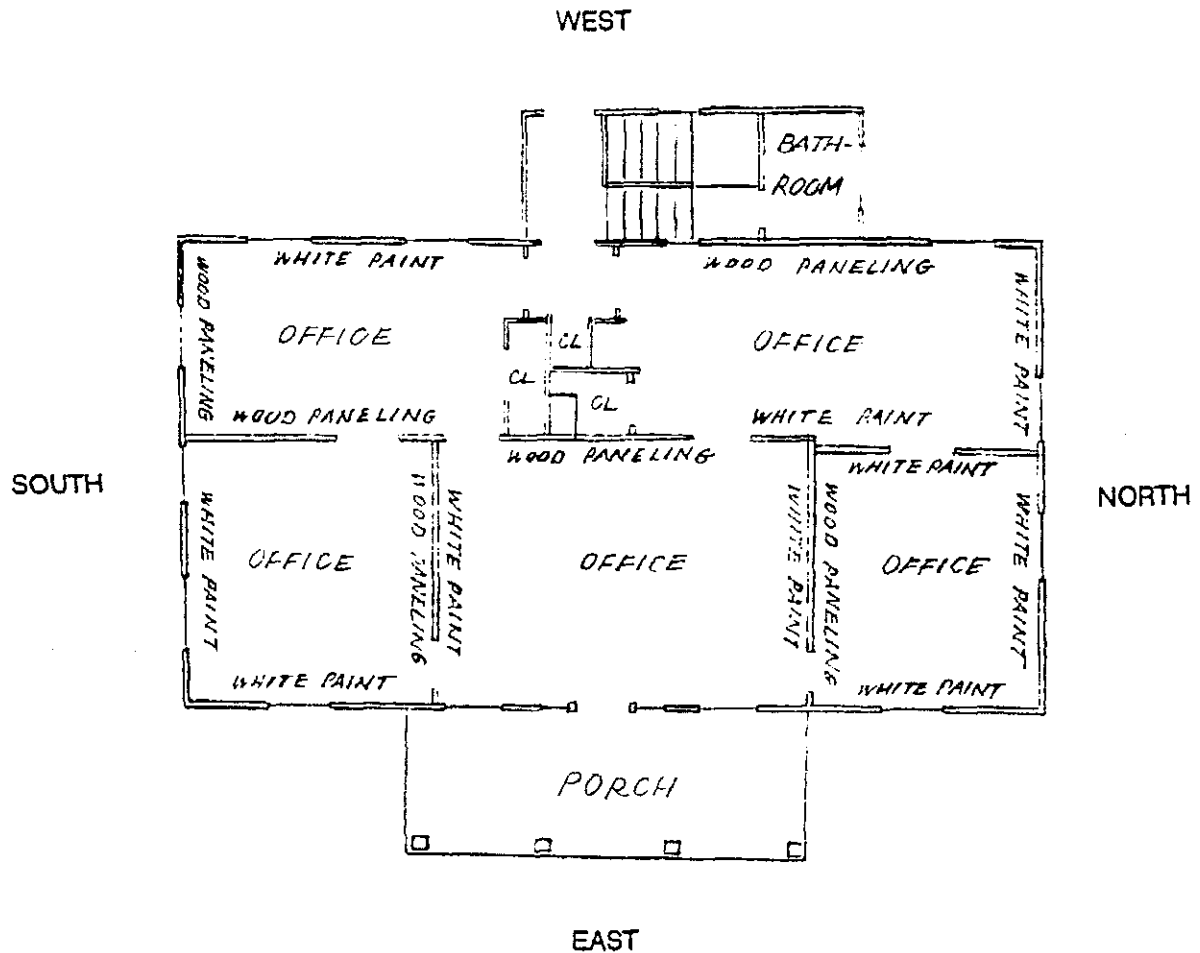
PART IV. PROJECT INFORMATION

A. Purpose of Documentation

1. The Forest Service exchanged this property out of federal ownership on October 30, 1992. As no restrictive covenants were included, mitigation by HABS documentation is appropriate.

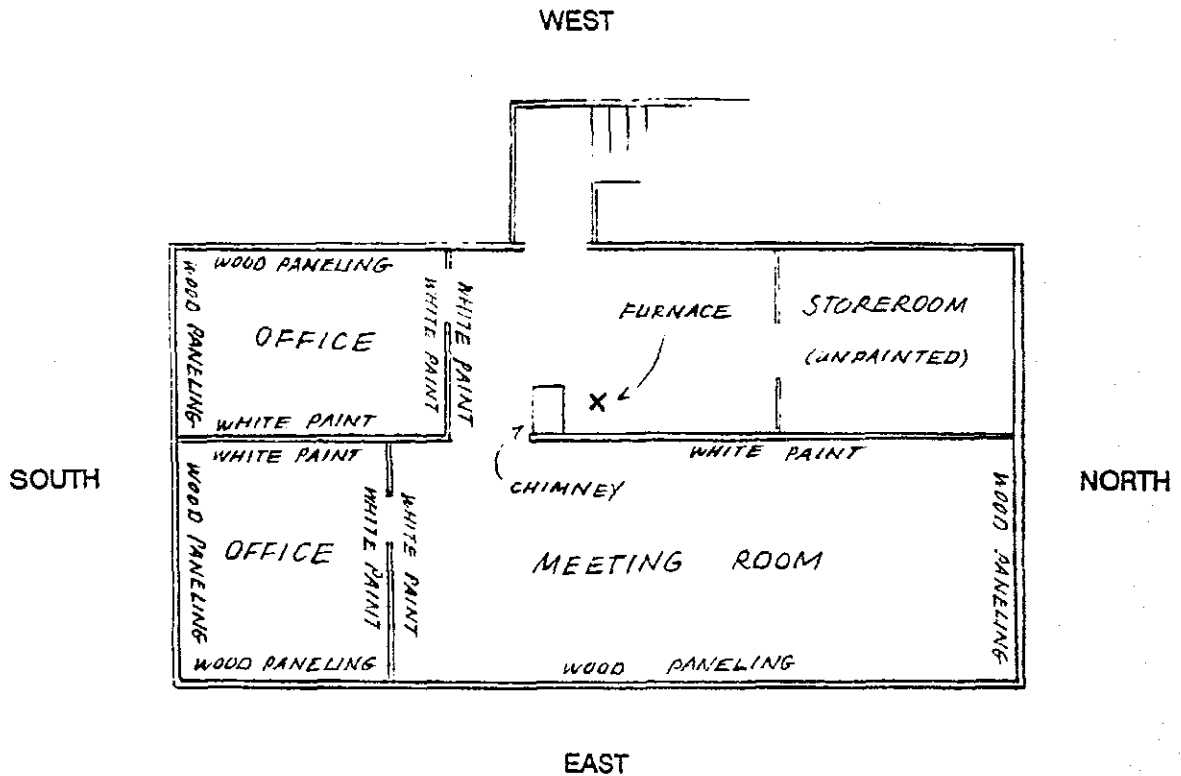
B Report Preparation

1. Richard T. Malouf, Forest Archaeologist, Sawtooth National Forest, prepared the narrative and drawings September - October, 1992. Eva Jenkins, Weber State Archaeological Laboratory, prepared the photographs in June, 1989.



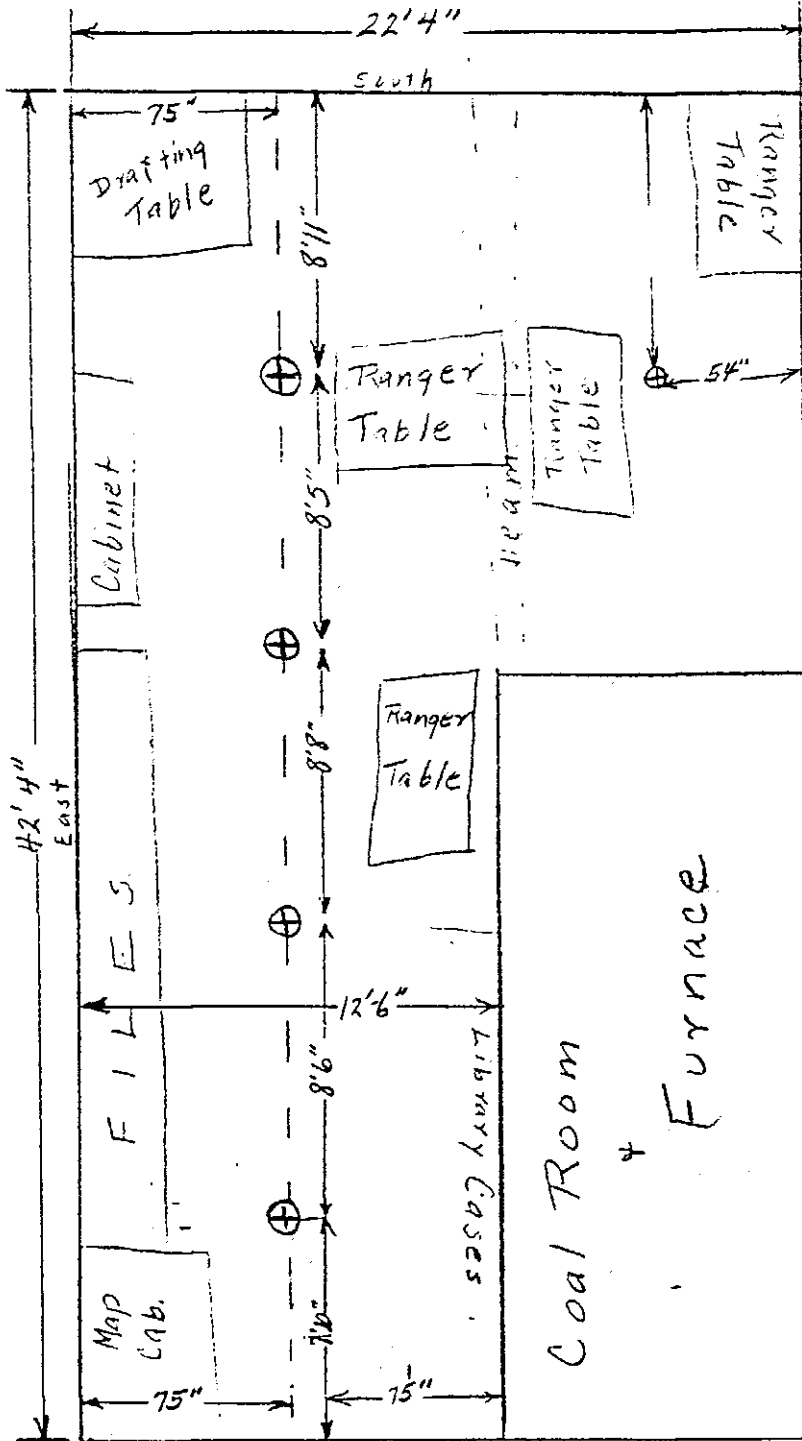
HAILEY OFFICE (BUILDING NO. 1610)
MAIN FLOOR PLAN, SEPTEMBER, 1992

SCALE: $1\frac{1}{4}'' = 12'$



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BASEMENT FLOOR PLAN, SEPTEMBER, 1992

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⊕ Present Ceiling Fixtures

Room Height 7'8"

Entrance to Basement

HAILEY OFFICE
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BASEMENT FLOOR PLAN,
circa 1941